

March 25, 2014

Summary of Activity – Renovation Project  
Presented to the Board  
(Update Number Six)

A dry run for the design presentation had been scheduled for today. It was cancelled at the last moment. I am not privy to the circumstances surrounding this event. The focus of this report is to try to clarify the status of the design scheme itself.

That we have come this far is a triumph of persistence. To reach the goal I believe we all share, we must remain committed to an open and transparent strategy, and strive for a successful renovation that will enhance the standing of The Westbury in the community.

Although progress toward this goal has been slow for several reasons, some of which are beyond the scope of this report, we are close to completion of a design scheme. At the same time, there are unresolved areas that need immediate attention so that an appropriate cost figure can be estimated and presented to unit owners.

A critical piece is missing from the design proposal before there can be a relevant discussion of cost. Carpeting is a major component of the overall design, and cost of carpeting will be a significant item in the design budget. To date, only one option of carpeting has been presented as part of the design proposal, and that option is tile carpeting. (Tile carpeting is also referred to as modular carpeting.) There should be consideration of traditional broadloom carpeting as an obvious alternative to tile carpeting.

There are several differences between these types of carpeting that deserve research and evaluation. As an example, tiles are described as easy to install, but unless they are installed to a standard of perfection, the result will be unsatisfactory. Both types of carpeting of course have their pros and cons, and an informed choice cannot be made until they are compared and priced. Important also is the aesthetic aspect of any design decision.

Members of the ad hoc committee are requesting the board to permit the contacts necessary to obtain more information about carpeting. This should not cause a delay in bringing the project to bid. There are other incomplete pieces of the project that need to be integrated into the design, and carpeting need not be delayed beyond the deadline for all of them.

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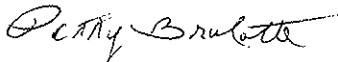
Lighting fixtures are another item that requires more research. As comparison for the choice of light fixture presently in the design, it should be relatively easy to explore other options. One option under consideration is to salvage our existing fixtures, clean and polish them, re-use some if not all of them.

In fact, some recycling already has taken place, and Ted Calabrese must be given credit for stabilizing the status of door knockers. He has found and purchased the right match for missing door knockers, and he has arranged for door knockers in good condition to be polished and re-used.

Rear entryways are still a work in progress. It is possible to complete renovation of primary common areas before starting to work on these entryways.

In closing this report, we can say we are close to being able to sign off on a complete and acceptable design scheme for the renovation. In order to do so, we need to be open and transparent about what we are doing, and we need to work together.. We especially need to begin including reaction of the community to the work that has been <sup>done</sup> to date so that we can benefit from further input from the people who live here.

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